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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: KOREA ISSUE

REFS: (A) COLOMBO 2965 (B) STATE 202137 (NOTAL)

1. AS WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED REF B (MENTIONED IN REF A), WE ARE NOT AWARE WHETHER AFGHANISTAN FIGURES IN LIST OF COUNTRIES AT COLOMBO MEETINGS WHICH ARE SYMPATHETIC TO US POSITION ON KOREA. WHETHER OR NOT IT SO APPEARS, WE BELIEVE APPROACH TO AFGHAN DELEGATION MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE.

2. AFGHANISTAN HAS HISTORY OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS AND HAS TRADITIONALLY ABSTAINED ON KOREA QUESTION AT UNGA. WHILE LIMA DECISION ON KOREAN MEMBERSHIP MADE TRADITIONALLY AFGHAN NEUTRALITY ON ISSUE MORE RISKY FOR A COUNTRY THAT WISHES TO RETAIN UNTARNISHED NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS, AFGHANS HAVE STRONGER TIES WITH SOUTH THAN NORTH KOREA. AFGHAN DELEGATION TO COLOMBO FULLY CON-
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VERSAND WITH US VIEUAND HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS

TO BE APPROACHED ON ISSUE WHILE EMPHA-
SIZING PROBLEMS OF SMALL COUNTRY ISOLATING ITSELF
IN FACE OF NORTH KOREAN ORIENTED MAJORITY. AS
AFGHANS MORE LIKELY TO TAKE SYMPATHETIC PUBLIC
POSITION IN CONSORT WITH OTHER MODERATES, WE SUGGEST
THAT AFGHAN DELEGATION BE KEPT IN MIND FOR COLOMBO
MANEUVERINGS ON KOREA ISSUE.
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